## YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

THE RESULTS OF YEARS OF INVENT ONE HOUR.

SIXTY THOUSAND MODELS OF INVENTIONS CONSUMED BY THE RUTHLESS PLANES.

LOSS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF OVER AND INCIDENTS-A NEIGHBORING LIVERY STABLE DESTROYED-ALD FROM BALTIMORE AND ALEXANDRIA-BAVING HECORDS AND PAPERS.

The Patent Office building was yesterday partially destroyed by fire. The conflagration was the largest that has occurred in the Dis-trict for years. The fire broke out shortly after cloven o'clock, and in three hours all of

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THE SECRETARY.

Secretary Schurz was in his office when the fire broke out, and as soon as he learned its extent gave directions to the chiefs of the divisions to have a proper care taken of the papers in their possession so that if necessary they could be quickly removed from the building. While the fire was raging the Secretary's office was one of the principal points of attraction. The doorkeepers remained on duty in front of the office and bowed and scraped with as much obsequiousness as on ordinary occasions. Like the Roman sentinels at Pompeii they would have died at their posts before leaving without the Secretary's orders, or perhaps before letting aughody in without first taking his card in.

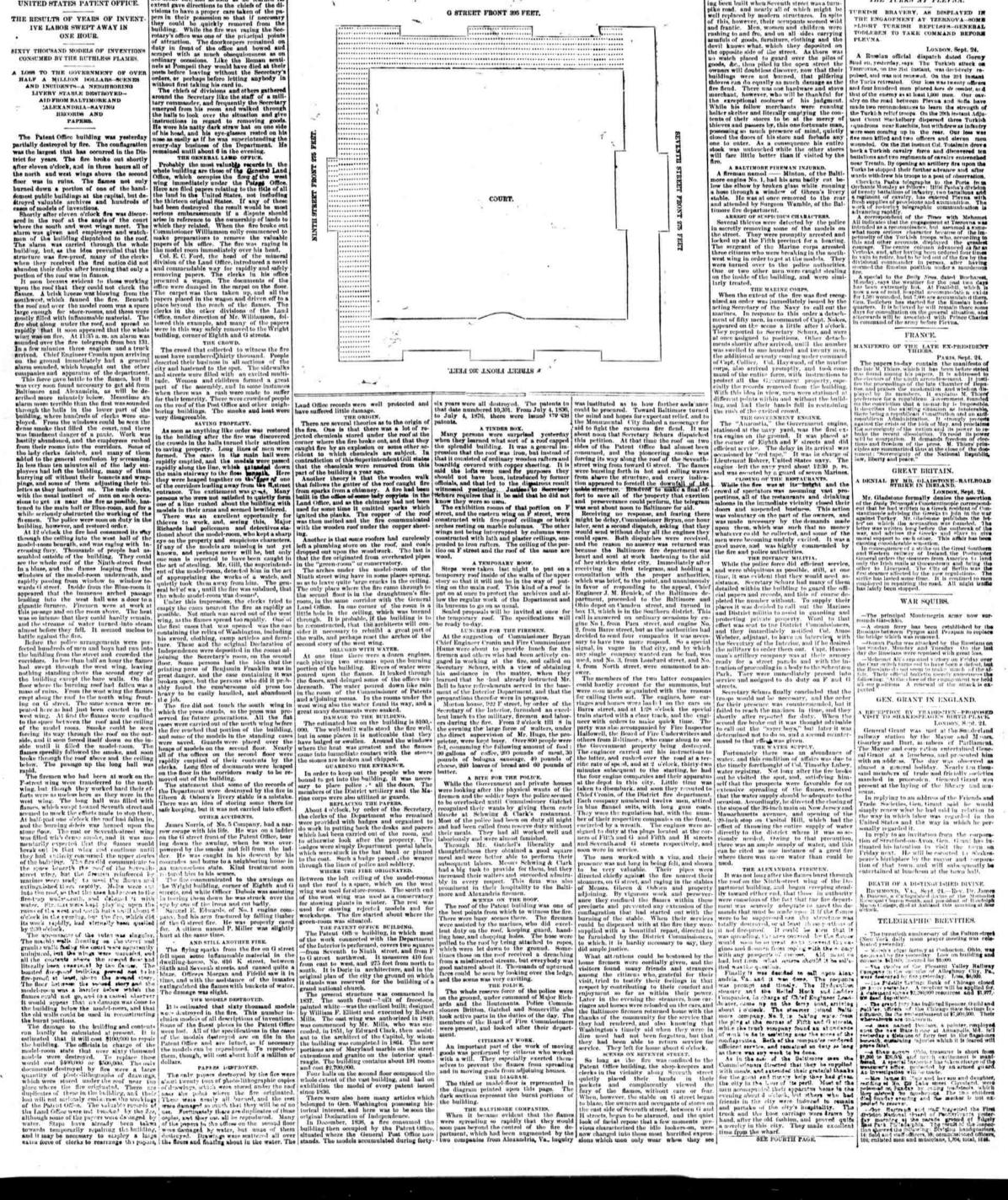
The chief's of divisions and others gathered around the Secretary like the staff of a military commander, and frequently the Secretary emerged from his room and walked through the halts to look over the situation and give instructions in regard to removing goods. He wore his natty dark straw hat on one side of his head, and his eye-glasses rested on his ness as easily as if he was superistanding the every-day business of the Department. He remained until about 6 in the evening.

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Probably the most valuable records in the whole building are those of the General Land Office, which occupies the flowing the west wing immediately under the Fatzes Office. Here are flied papers relating to the little of all the land in the United States, not including the thirteen original States. If any of these had been destroyed the result would be most serious embarassments if a dispute should arise in reference to the ownership of lands to which they related. When the fire broke out commissioner Williamson only remomenced to make preparations to remove the valuable papers of his office. The fire was raging in the model room immediately over his bend.

Col. E. C. Ford, the head of the mineral division of the Land Office, introduced a nevel

THE BURNED BUILDING.



about to recede from their grasp the wealth and property which they hold dearer even than life.

The stores in this vicinity are mostly small antiquated establishments, some of them having been built when Seventh street was a turnpike road, and nearly all of which might be well replaced by modern structures. In spite of this, however, their occupants seemed wild and frantic. Men, women and children were rushing to and fro, and on all sides carrying armfuls of goods, furniture, clothing and the devil knows what, which they deposited on the opposite side of the street. As there was no watch placed to guard over the piles of goods, &c., thus piled in the open street the owners will doubliese discover, now that their buildings were not burned, that pilfering thever can do equally as much dranage as the fire fiend. There was one hardware and stove morchant, however, who will be thankful for the exceptional coolness of his independing helter skelter and literally emptying the contents of their stores to be at the mercy of thieves and passers by, this one fortunate man, possessing so much presence of mind, quietly closed the doors of his store and forbade any one to unter. As a consequence his entire stock was untouched while the other stores will fare little better than if visited by the fire.

A BALTINGRE FIRMAN INJURED.

A BALTIMORE FIREMAN INJURED.

A fireman named — Minton, of the Baltimore engins No. I, had his arm badly cut below the elbow by broken glass while running a hose through a window of Gheen's livery stable. He was at once removed to the rear and attended by Surgeon Wamble, of the Baltimore fire department.

ARREST OF SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

# ACROSS THE OCEAN.

TURKISH BRAVERY, AS DISPLAYED IN THE ENGAGEMENT AT TERRITORA-SOME SLIGHT TURKISH REPULSES-GENERAL TODLESEN TO TAKE COMMAND BEFORE

LONDON, Sept. 24.

A Russian official dispatch dated Gorny Studies, yesterday, says: The Turksh attack on Testrovira, on the 21st instant, was deviderely repulsed, and was not resisewed. On the 22d instant the Turks retreated. Our loss was twenty officers and four hundred mun placed force de combat, and that of the enemy as at least 1,000 men. Our onwalry on the read between Plevna and Sofia have made two recommodances to learn the strength of the Turkish relief troops. On the 20th instant Adjustant Count Markelbergy dispersed three Turkish squadroms near Ruschits, but withdrew as infantry were seen coming up in the reser. Our loss was five men killed and two officers and eleven men wounded. On the 23st instant Col. Totalmin drove back a Turkish cavalry force and discovered ten battalions and two regiments of cavalry enterended upon Trinkin. By opening an artiller fire upon the